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# **HEALTH CARE FRAUD ARRESTS**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced that the FBI arrested three individuals today who were indicted on May 31, 2001 by a federal grand jury in Tucson on health care fraud charges.

Those arrested are Lenville D. Dickey, 24-years-old, Jasmine C. Bell, 28-years-old, and Deanna Lopez, 29-years-old, all of Tucson, Arizona.

The indictment alleges that between December, 1998 and May, 2000, Dickey, at the time an employee of Mountain States Administrative Services, ("Mountain States"), a Tucson company which administers health benefit claims, devised a scheme to defraud Mountain States by creating false claims in the Mountain States computer systems for non-existent dental services, "purportedly" provided to Tucson beneficiaries. As a result of this scheme, Mountain States issued checks which totaled more than \$196,000. Bell and Lopez are charged with assisting Dickey in obtaining over \$21,000 of the total amount charged in the indictment. Two other individuals, Anthony Johnson and Richard Gutierrez of Las Vegas, Nevada, were named, but not charged in the indictment for their involvement with Dickey in obtaining \$174,000 of the total amount charged in the indictment. Johnson and Gutierrez entered guilty pleas in U.S. District Court in Tucson, Arizona on June 4, 2001 to one charge of health care fraud arising out of this scheme and are awaiting sentencing.

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The indictment charges the defendants with violating Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 1347 (Health Care Fraud).

A conviction for 18 U.S.C. 1347 carries a maximum penalty of 10 years, a fine of \$250,000 or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by Federal Bureau of Investigation, Special Agent Mike Rolf in Tucson, Arizona.

The prosecution is being handled by Wallace H. Kleindienst, Assistant United States Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona.

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